

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

# TOWN OF MELROSE,

From March 15th, 1860, to March 16th, 1861,

WITH A

LIST OF RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT TAXES ASSESSED IN 1860,

AND THE

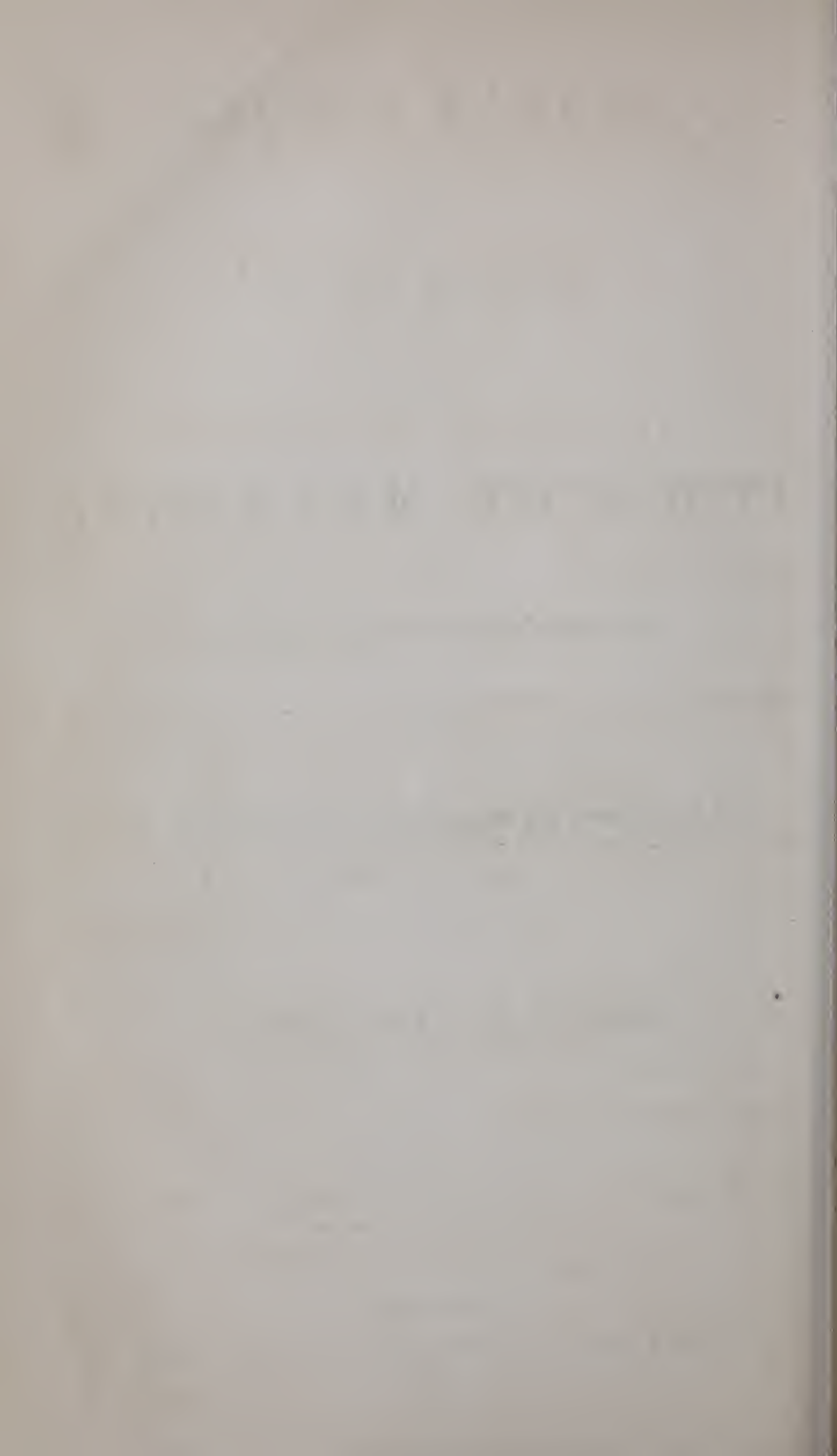
Report of the School Committee.

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1861.



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## TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

	DR.
Paid Order of the Town Clerk, . . . . .	\$ 11,204 51
“ Interest on Town Debt, . . . . .	1,339 18
“ Without order, . . . . .	398 63
Balance in treasury, . . . . .	1,542 19
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	\$ 14,284 51

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Received of George Newhall, Collector, . . . . .	\$ 10,720 00
“ Taxes due in 1859, . . . . .	1,143 40
“ “ from 1855 to 1858, inclusive, . . . . .	200 00
“ from other towns for the support of the poor, and other sources, . . . . .	469 62
Balance in Treasury at the commencement of the year, . . . . .	1,895 66
“ of Mount Vernon Bank loan, . . . . .	55 83
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	\$ 14,284 51

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## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

	DR.
Taxes committed, for 1860, . . . . .	\$ 12,147 05
	CR.
Amount paid Caleb Howard, Town Treasurer, . . . . .	\$ 10,720 00
“ “ Amos Stone, County Treasurer, . . . . .	658 74
“ discounted on taxes paid on or before Octo- ber 1, 1860, . . . . .	349 65
“ abated, . . . . .	123 26
“ not collected, . . . . .	295 40
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	\$ 12,147 05

# RECEIVED FROM OTHER TOWNS FOR SUPPORT OF THE POOR, AND FROM OTHER SOURCES.

1860.

April 3,	Town of Danvers, supplies Dwinell family,	\$ 49 50
" 26,	South Reading, supplies Buckley family,	11 00
May 8,	Walter R. Collins, cemetery lot,	30 00
" 10,	Town of Wellfleet, supplies John Hitchings,	67 74
" 17,	City of Newburyport, supplies J. R. Randall,	10 00
" 24,	J. H. Bickford, cemetery lot,	40 00
July 11,	Grass on cemetery of Mr. Gould,	25 00
" 12,	" " " S. D. Taylor,	11 00
Aug. 7,	" " " W. J. Farnsworth,	8 50
" 27,	John Stilphin, cemetery lot,	15 00
Sept. 4,	Grass on cemetery of J. G. Brown,	8 25
"	William G. Dow, cemetery lot,	10 00
Oct. 6,	Dividend on Insurance,	23 25
	Town of Bedford, supplies Thomas Sweetser,	28 00
	State, for Schools,	100 63

1861.

Feb. 14,	Grafton, supplies Charles Prentiss,	8 50
"	Grass on cemetery lot of Mr. Bennett,	12 00
"	" " " Mr. Rowe,	5 50
"	" " " W. W. Boardman,	3 25
"	" " " Benj. Upham,	1 50
"	" " " W. J. Farnsworth,	1 00

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 \$ 469 62

## INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

1860.

Mar. 17,	Henry Bancroft,	\$ 30 00
"	Phœbe Lynde,	18 00
April 18,	Henry Bancroft,	60 00
May 2,	Henry Bancroft,	15 00
April 30,	Phœbe Lynde,	15 00
June 5,	Warren Emerson,	78 00
June 20,	Mary McPherson,	90 00
"	Henry Bancroft,	60 00
July 14,	Henry Bancroft,	30 00
Aug. 4,	Joseph Lynde,	357 53
" 13,	Aaron Green,	42 00
" 13,	George Moor,	91 35



## TOWN NOTES PAID.

Joseph Lynde, . . . . .	\$ 5,958 85
Interest, . . . . .	161 88
Mrs. McPherson, . . . . .	3,000 00
Interest, . . . . .	90 00
George Moor, . . . . .	1,500 00
Interest, . . . . .	28 00
Henry Bancroft, . . . . .	8,700 00
Interest, . . . . .	126 59
Mrs. Dix, . . . . .	1,167 48
Interest, . . . . .	75 70
Phœbe Lynde, . . . . .	550 00
Interest, . . . . .	24 13
Aaron Green, . . . . .	500 00
Interest, . . . . .	16 50
Warren Emerson, . . . . .	1,900 00
Interest, . . . . .	114 54
Blackstone Bank, . . . . .	1,000 00
Interest, . . . . .	30 50
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	\$ 24,944 17

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1860.

	Appropriations.	Expended.
Schools, . . . . .	\$ 4,000 00	\$ 4,592 41
Fire Department, . . . . .	500 00	580 83
Interest, . . . . .	1,600 00	1,339 18
Highways, . . . . .	1,100 00	1,216 31
New Streets, . . . . .	1,300 00	1,518 18
Contingent, . . . . .	2,000 00	1,990 94
Poor, . . . . .	1,000 00	1,305 84
Paid sundries without orders, . . . . .		398 63
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	\$ 11,500 00	
Overdrawn, . . . . .	1,442 32	
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	\$ 12,942 32	\$ 12,942 32

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Hunneman & Co., reconstructing Engine, . . .	\$ 308 00
Shelton & Cheever, 100 feet Hose, . . .	100 00
“ 13 feet 3 inch Suction Hose, . . .	45 00
Enoch G. Clark, painting and varnishing Engine, . .	35 00
J. G. Emerson, {	
Edward F. Howe, { Services as Committee on Engine, . .	10 00
J. M. Ellis, {	
Shelton & Cheever, repairing Hose and Couplings, .	4 50
“ Pipe Straps and Badges, . . .	8 75
Thomas T. Sweetser, Steward for Engine Company, .	34 71
Edward Davis, teaming Engine, . . . . .	1 25
Eayres & Fairbanks, Stationery, . . . . .	2 45
J. W. Adams, Lamps, . . . . .	1 10
Thomas McCobry, Blacksmith work, . . . . .	2 58
Robinson & Fisher, ½ gallon Spirits for Engine, .	40
“ setting 4 lights Glass, . . . . .	1 33
L. B. Matthews, Trundle to Hose Carriage, . . .	50
Weston & Mason, Oil, . . . . .	5 95
Buttrick & Bartlett, carting Engine to Boston, . .	2 00
“ “ from “ . . . . .	2 00
“ two horses and one man to South Reading, . . . . .	2 50
Buttrick & Bartlett, carting Engine to Boston, . .	2 00
“ Express services, . . . . .	4 14
Thomas T. Sweetser, care of Engine and House, . .	6 67
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	\$ 580 83
Appropriation, . . . . .	500 00
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Overdrawn, . . . . .	\$ 80 83

## APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE POOR OF MELROSE.

*The following amounts have been paid for Supplies furnished the Poor.*

William E. Fuller, for groceries, . . . . .	\$ 20 00
S. Sprague, support of S. Green, 8 weeks, . . .	16 00
W. W. Boardman, 1½ cords of wood, . . . . .	11 00
Betsey W. Slocomb, 13 weeks' board of C. F. Slocomb, .	16 25
S. Hyde, 4 weeks' board of Mrs. Merrill, . . . .	8 00
B. W. Slocomb, 13 weeks' board of C. F. Slocomb, .	16 25



William O. Riley, 8 weeks' board of George Green,	\$ 20 00
“ “ feeding and lodging 30 paupers,	9 75
J. W. Adams, for stove pipe,	1 50
William Pierce, 14 weeks' board Albert Green,	17 50
“ “ making clothing for “	1 49
Martin & Leonard, for dry goods,	3 50
Samuel Sprague, 8 weeks' board Samuel Green,	16 00
“ “ 8 “ “ “	16 00
E. W. Cobb, for fuel,	6 25
J. G. Emerson, provisions,	26 35
Moses Parker, medical attendance on G. Green,	12 75
Charles Pratt, for 26 weeks' board Nathaniel Pratt,	32 50
S. Hyde, for 3 weeks' board Mrs. Merrill,	10 00
“ for other services for Mrs. Merrill,	1 12
P. Sprague, for 8 weeks' board of S. Green,	16 00
E. Tainter, 1 pair boots for William Sprague,	2 00
William J. Farnsworth, for cash paid travelling paupers,	7 18
George Lynde, 1 ton coal to J. Waitt,	7 26
S. Sprague, 8 weeks' board of S. Green,	16 00
Nelson Cochran, wood delivered to John Waitt,	4 22
William O. Riley, for 2 weeks' board of Green,	7 00
“ “ “ entertaining 2 travelling paupers,	1 50
“ “ “ 3 weeks' board Geo. Green,	7 50
“ “ “ feeding and lodging 3 paupers,	2 25
“ “ “ 2 weeks' board George Green,	5 00
“ “ “ 5 “ “ “	12 50
“ “ “ feeding & lodging 8 travelling paupers,	6 00
“ “ “ for 10 weeks' board Geo. Green,	25 00
“ “ “ foreign paupers,	75
B. F. Abbott, medical attendance,	31 00
William O. Riley, entertaining travelling paupers,	20 92
“ “ 18 weeks' board George Green,	45 00
E. O. Phinney, medical attendance,	2 25
William E. Fuller, groceries delivered Mrs. D. Merrill,	8 07
N. French, medical attendance on John Waitt's family,	5 00
Geo. W. Farnsworth, half cord wood T. T. Sweetser,	3 00
“ “ “ “ Mr. J. W. Bartlett,	3 00
E. Howard, 4½ weeks' board Sam'l Haven,	10 12
Charles Pratt, 13 “ Nath'l Pratt,	16 25
S. Hyde, 9 “ Mrs. Merrill,	18 00
Peter Green, 26 “ Wm. Sprague,	52 00
Betsey W. Slocomb, 26 “ C. F. Slocomb,	33 00
William Pierce, 26 “ Albert Green,	34 25
“ “ for one pair pants, “ “	1 25
Wm. J. Farnsworth, disbursements for clothing, medicine, lodging, &c.	13 39
John Lynde, 128 quarts milk to John Waitt,	6 40



S. Sprague, board of S. Green 16 weeks,	\$ 32 00
Ezra Tainter, boots and shoes,	6 10
S. Hyde, 4 weeks' board Mrs. Merrill,	8 00
Mary Ware, dry goods to Albert Grover,	9 80
George Newhall, 1 pair shoes to Mrs. Merrill,	1 25
Charles Pratt, board and clothing for N. Pratt,	22 75
Wm. Pierce, board Albert Grover, 9 weeks,	13 50
“ clothing “	2 17
Aaron Green, half cord oak wood John Waitt,	3 75
W. O. Riley, board of George Green, 4 weeks,	10 00
“ “ lodging and supplies for 17 travelling paupers,	12 75 —
Caleb Howard, groceries to Mrs. Larabee, —	30 47
“ orders delivered to J. Waitt,	58 00
“ paid J. Emerson's bill of provisions for Mrs. E. Larabee,	18 43
“ to paid Warren Lynde, milk bills for Mrs. Larabee,	18 40
Benjamin Boardman, sawing wood and carrying wood and coal for Mrs. Larabee,	5 17
Mrs. E. Barry, house rent for Mrs. Larabee,	26 00
Peter Green, board of Wm. Sprague, 26 weeks,	52 00
A. Kilby, goods delivered Geo. Mayall,	5 00
“ “ “ William Fitzer,	2 11
“ “ “ John Waitt,	4 06
E. W. Cobb, fuel “ A. B. York,	5 50
G. W. Farnsworth, 3½ cords wood,	21 00
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Total amount for support of poor,	\$ 1,058 62
Amount of appropriation,	1,000 00
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Overdrawn,	\$ 58 62
Add amount for support of poor of other towns,	247 22
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Total amount overdrawn,	\$ 305 84

#### FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

E. Newton, provisions delivered J. Hutchins,	6 84
A. Kelly, for groceries delivered J. Hutchins,	12 16
B. R. Upham, supplies,	4 91
E. W. Cobb, for fuel delivered J. P. Randall,	14 00
George Lynde, 1 ton coal to John P. Randall,	6 75
Nelson Cochran, wood delivered Mrs. Bartlett,	4 22
B. R. Upham, for 214 quarts milk to Mrs. Hutchins,	10 70

W. S. Bugbee, groceries to Bartlett,	\$ 10 00
J. R. Upham, for supplies, Mrs. S. C. Hutchins,	4 00
“ “ shoes and boots,	13 34
William W. Boardman, 1½ cords wood,	11 00
George T. Boardman, 2 months' rent of house,	8 67
George Lynde, ½ ton coal to John Randall,	3 50
Ezra Tainter, boots and shoes to D. L. Dwinell,	1 50
William E. Fuller, groceries to C. R. Prentice,	5 00
M. Furbush, groceries to J. W. Bartlett,	5 00
Aaron Green, ½ cord oak wood, C. R. Prentice,	3 75
Caleb Howard, town ordered delivered David Dwinell,	15 00
“ “ “ T. T. Sweetser,	10 00
“ “ “ C. E. Skinner,	20 00
“ “ “ Mrs. J. W. Bartlett,	10 00
“ “ “ J. P. Randall,	15 00
Mrs. Ware, goods delivered S. C. Hutchins,	10 00
A. Kilby, goods delivered Mrs. J. W. Bartlett,	15 38
“ “ E. C. Hitchins,	17 00
E. W. Cobb, fuel delivered J. P. Randall,	7 00
“ “ David Marshall,	3 50
G. W. Farnsworth, 1 cord wood, D. Marshall	6 00
“ 1 “ J. P. Randall,	6 00

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Amount expended for poor belonging to other towns,  
to be refunded, \$ 247 22

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## CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS.

William J. Farnsworth, writing and serving 10 notices to town officers elected,	\$ 2 50
Obtaining evidence against persons for destroying sign boards, and replacing the same,	2 00
O. H. Freeman, labor on town lot,	4 38
Martin & Leonard, dry goods,	4 59
George Boardman, rent of Concert Hall,	18 75
“ “ “	18 75
“ “ “	18 75
“ “ “	18 75
Nelson Cochran, Agent in Law cases,	47 36
“ “	34 01
Wm. Pierce, damage on fence, land, Winthrop Street,	3 50
George W. Beals, land, Lindell Street,	3 00
George W. Farnsworth, land, Winthrop Street,	3 00
Lucy Carter, “ “	2 00
M. S. G. Wilde, “ “	4 00

W. J. Farnsworth, land, Winthrop Street,	\$ 2 00
“ “ “	3 50
John Hurly, “ “	7 00
J. M. Ellis, “ “	4 00
William Riley, “ Linden Street,	10 00
John Smith, “ “	75 00
T. B. Woodward, “ “	15 00
T. Marony, “ “	3 00
William Nourse, “ “	4 00
E. H. Goss, “ Laurel Street,	4 00
John Hurly, “ damaged by water, Linden Street,	3 50
E. Green, work in cemetery,	15 00
J. Cochran, as liquor agent,	19 35
N. Howard, work in cemetery,	20 50
B. Matthews, “ hearse house,	1 25
D. R. Woodward, work on corpses,	11 50
N. Howard, work as undertaker,	4 40
S. Sargent, by overcharge on land sold by mistake,	10 00
E. R. Knights, work as book-keeper,	23 60
Hooper, Lewis & Co., merchandise,	5 00
N. Howard, work in cemetery,	41 04
William B. Burgess, services as assessor,	23 00
G. M. Fletcher, “ “	67 00
Jona. Cochran, “ “	45 00
William B. Burgess,	45 00
L. Lynde, for labor on clock,	1 00
N. Howard, work in cemetery,	3 62
E. F. Barron, care of clock,	5 25
Moses Eastman, freight,	1 38
A. W. Haskell, printing,	16 50
William E. Fuller, powder,	1 12
Jona. Cochran, services with tax payers,	8 82
Nye & Foster, hardware,	2 00
R. H. Dana, professional services,	160 00
W. C. Farnsworth, “	27 29
William Lynde, labor on Lebanon Street,	75 00
“ “ Jameson Street,	20 00
“ “ culvert at Dix Pond,	9 42
William W. Boardman, labor on bridge,	2 50
E. R. Knights, witness fees in the case of widening Winthrop Street,	3 91
William J. Farnsworth, services at sundry times,	44 32
W. J. Farnsworth, services in the case of E. E. Elliott, family settlement,	5 00
Nelson Cochran, insurance on public buildings,	260 00
George P. Burnham, rent of Lyceum Hall,	25 00

J. C. Howe, making box for coffin,	\$ 5 75
A. M. Furbush, painting guide boards,	1 50
Calvin Stone, horse-hire,	1 50
“ moving fence,	4 00
Nelson Cochran, disbursement of witness fees on Winthrop Street case,	38 34
S. Hyde, labor improving Lynde Street,	5 00
George Lynde, building privy,	8 50
J. G. Emerson, services as constable,	14 00
William C. Farnsworth, trying case before E. A. Upton,	5 00
William C. Farnsworth, in the matter of P. R. Ellis and others on Winthrop Street,	31 08
Samuel Harris, printing finance report,	37 00
William Lynde, tools, powder, &c.,	19 62
P. F. Packard, 6 chairs and cushions,	7 50
“ 1 table,	5 50
Nelson Cochran, services on committees from March 7 to October 18,	38 12
Jonathan Cochran, labor and disbursements on Lynde Street,	42 11
George Emerson, paid Ai Roe's bill, services as constable,	4 00
Francis Fountain, services as field-driver,	4 50
Moses Parker, taking care of town clock,	5 87
E. O. Phinney, services on finance committee,	9 20
William J. Farnsworth, services as constable in notifying selectmen and town clerk to draw jurors,	1 00
Transporting pauper to Tewksbury,	6 00
Notice to Mrs. Kramer,	75
George F. Boardman, 1 day's work on L Pond in 1859,	2 00
George F. Boardman, interest on same,	36
Elbridge Gardner, cash paid into town treasury in June, 1859, to refund in part cash paid S. O. Dearborn and others, in violation of injunction, said injunction being now removed,	35 27
Interest on above, 20 months,	3 53
George Newhall, collecting taxes,	110 00
E. R. Knights, services as town clerk one year,	30 00
“ sundries,	13 43
S. D. Taylor, one day's services as constable,	2 00
Caleb Howard, services as treasurer,	25 00
E. O. Phinney, services as committee on by-laws,	3 00
Jonathan Cochran, professional services as engineer in fixing the grade of streets, putting up bounds, writing contracts, drawing up receipts, &c.	45 26

Jonathan Cochran, making deeds to five cemetery lots,	\$ 2 50
Laying out street in cemetery,	3 00
Contracting for building the same,	2 25
Labor, repairing wall,	2 63
Services as collector of taxes in 1859, writing collector's bond, warrant, &c.,	18 20
16 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' making out assessors' schedule of the ratable polls in the town of Melrose for the year 1860, agreeable to an Act of the Commonwealth passed March 20, 1860, at \$2 00 per day,	33 30
Stationery,	1 25
George Boardman, services as constable,	1 00
Jonathan Cochran, services as liquor agent,	26 56
P. B. Holmes, services as committee on finance,	10 00
“ “ “ “ by-laws,	3 00
Aaron Green, “ “ “ finance,	10 00
William Pierce, “ “ “ “	10 00
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	\$ 1,990 94
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Unexpended,	\$ 9 06

## HIGHWAY APPROPRIATION.

### NEW STREETS.

William Lynde, building Linwood Avenue, under the direction of the Selectmen,	\$ 300 00
Nelson Cochran, building Linden Street,	407 98
William Lynde, building Laurel Street,	100 00
P. R. Ellis, building Mount Vernon Street,	100 00
William J. Farnsworth, building Otis Street,	214 01
J. M. Ellis, building Cedar Park,	178 62
“ “ “ Winthrop Street,	104 68
S. D. Taylor, “ Lake Avenue,	98 80
Walter R. Collins, 50 squares gravel for Cedar Park,	12 50
E. W. Cobb, lumber for Otis Street,	1 59
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	\$ 1,518 18
Appropriation,	1,300 00
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Overdrawn,	\$ 218 18



## HIGHWAYS.

William Lynde, labor and disbursements,	\$ 686 30
S. D. Taylor, labor and disbursements,	528 60
J. Simonds, blacksmith work,	1 41
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	\$ 1,216 31
Appropriation,	1,100 00
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Overdrawn,	\$ 116 31

## LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

*The Town of Melrose in account with Jonathan Cochran, Liquor Agent.*

DR.

March 1, 1861.

To cash paid for liquors, and teaming the same at various times from March 27, 1860, to March 1, 1861, as per bills exhibited,	\$ 123 22
“ as follows: 1 keg, 90 cents, 4 jugs, 80 cents, 3 measures and 1 tunnel, 38 cents, account book, 34 cents,	2 42
“ for sealing measures,	09
“ for an account book,	35
“ for services as Liquor Agent, from March 27, 1860, to March 1, 1861, at \$6 25 per month,	69 59
“ for 1 pint of S. M. wine delivered to Mrs. Jane Grover, by order of Overseer of Poor,	24
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	\$ 195 91

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May, 1860.

By cash received by an order on the Treasurer,	\$ 19 35
By amount of sales of liquor from March 27, 1860, to March 1, 1861,	150 00
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	\$ 169 35
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Balance due,	\$ 26 56

The pecuniary relation of the Liquor Agency to the Town treasury, is as follows :

*Profit and Loss Account.*

	Dr.
Paid for liquor and apparatus for doing the business,	\$ 126 32
“ “ Agent's salary,	69 59
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	\$ 195 91
	Cr.
Cash received from sale of liquors,	\$ 150 00
Stock on hand,	9 00
Agent's salary over profits,	36 91
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	\$ 195 91

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$ 4,000 00
Received from the State School Fund,	100 63
“ Town of Stoneham,	25 28
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	\$ 4,125 91

EXPENDITURES.

*Salaries of Teachers.*

Edward Parker's salary for the year,	\$ 650 00
Sarah E. Batcheller, teaching 30½ weeks,	167 75
Kate E. Coburn, “ 40 “	220 00
Jennie L. Crie, “ 40 “	220 00
Harriet A. George, “ 15 “	82 50
Ellen A. Green, “ 40 “	220 00
Helen A. Norris, “ 24½ “	134 75
Louisa A. Norris, “ 1 week,	5 50
Phebe A. Norris, “ 41 weeks,	266 50
Zoe A. Noyes, “ 41 “	246 00
Sophronia B. Perry, “ 10 “	55 00
Adela R. Poor, “ 41 “	266 50
C. Lucilia Sweetser, “ 17 “	93 50
Christiana Upham, “ 23 “	126 50
Mary I. Webster, “ 40 “	220 00—2,974 50

*Fuel.*

Elisha W. Cobb, coal, wood and housing,	219 48
N. J. Derby, wood,	2 50
Latham and Derby, wood,	2 50
Nelson Cochran, 3 cords, 5¾ ft. wood,	20 75
Charles Howard, cutting wood,	5 00
Thomas R. Upham, “ “	2 50
Geo. W. Wyman, “ “	2 00
Patrick Brophy, 27 baskets charcoal,	8 50—263 23



*Care of Rooms.*

Charles Howard, care of 5 rooms,	\$ 125 00	
Joseph Simonds, " 2 "	8 00	} 50 50
Augustus Vinton, " 2 "	42 50	
Thomas R. Upham, care of one room,	25 00	
John R. and Thos. G. Waitt, care of 2 rooms,	50 00	
George W. Wyman, " 1 room,	25 00	—275 50

*Superintendence.*

Aaron Green, Superintendence of Schools,	37 00	
Elbridge Green, " "	40 00	
E. O. Phinney, " "	45 00	—122 00

*Contingents.*

Leonard Lynde, labor and materials,	72 96	
Stephen Emery, " "	19 00	
J. W. Adams, coal-hod, dust-pan, and dippers,	1 68	
J. C. Howes, 1 stove, \$17; repairing stoves, &c., \$47 35,	64 35	
Charles Howard, sundry services and supplies,	10 00	
Ellison & Robbins, mason work,	6 00	
Robinson & Fisher, glazing,	2 50	
Fisher & Sumner, " "	1 25	
A. E. Cutter, 1 record book,	1 75	
E. P. Dutton, 1 solar globe,	7 00	
Edw. Parker, Jr., 1 thermometer, \$1; printing, \$3; rent of Lyceum Hall for exhibition, \$6,	10 00	
Brown & Taggard, 2 sets outline maps,	29 00	
Buttrick & Bartlett, 8 boxes crayon, and supplies,	4 30	
Moses Eastman, express services and sup- plies,	7 16	
Wm. G. Shattuck, 2 eight-ft. settees,	8 80	
Mary Ware, school books,	8 97	
S. E. Batcheller, " "	66	
E. O. Phinney, school books, \$2 02; adver- tising, 75 cts.; bill of sundries, 6 75,	9 52	
William E. Fuller, supplies,	97	
Caleb Howard, " "	3 27	
Sarah Parks, cleaning school rooms,	6 25	
Wm. Banks, setting glass,	2 20	—277 59
		<hr/> \$ 3,912 82

Balance not expended, \$213 09.

The Town provided for the following expenditures,  
by appropriating \$500 00 from the contingent fund

of the Town, and the sum of \$328 30, which was  
the unexpended school money of last year, \$ 828 30

*Painting School-Houses.*

Paid Banker & Carpenter, for paints and oil,	191	22	
“ John L. Chambers, painting,	156	18	
“ William Banks, “	73	00	
“ Moses Eastman, express services, .	4	68	
“ E. O. Phinney, services of superinten- dence,	5	50	—430 58

*Improvement of Grounds.*

Paid Leonard Lynde, stock and carpenter work,	58	28	
Paid Buttrick & Bartlett, 5 casks cement, and carting,	8	88	
Paid Pelatiah R. Waitt, materials and labor on Lynde Street school grounds,	43	31	
Paid William O. Riley, labor on grounds, 20 days,	30	00	
Paid Thomas Hawkins, labor on grounds, and materials,	46	69	
Paid Thomas Hawkins, labor on Green Street grounds,	15	00	
Paid Stephen Hyde, labor on Green Street grounds,	12	31	
Paid George H. Hyde, labor on Green Street grounds,	6	37	
Paid Aaron Green, cash paid and services on Green Street grounds,	13	95	
Paid Thomas McCowbry, blacksmith work,	6	23	
Paid E. O. Phinney, services of superin- tending,	8	00	—249 02
			<hr/> \$ 679 60

Balance not expended, \$148 70

Not including the \$328 30 unexpended school money of last year, we have provided for defraying all the expenses in the school department this year as above detailed,	\$ 4,625 91
Those total expenditures have been,	4,592 41
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Leaving in the treasury,	\$ 33 50

## REMARKS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Account and the Finances of the Town generally, for the year ending March 15, 1861, submit the foregoing REPORT.

It will be observed that the town debt has been increased from \$27,003 85, in 1859, to \$29,260 00, in 1861; and this has been caused by a steady increase in the current expenses; the town not having made any outlay for other purposes than such as would probably occur under similar management in any succeeding year. The appropriations, which were deemed ample to defray the current expenses, have been entirely absorbed. The amount expended in excess of actual appropriation, is \$1,442 32. The practice of overdrawing has been repeated so often in former years, that it seems to be taking the form of authority. It may be excused for objects of real necessity; but when the benefit of that excess takes a direction which leads to private advantage, it cannot be too strongly disapproved. While the Committee do not wish to apply any captious criticisms on the conduct of the executive officers the past year, they cannot forbear expressing a decided disapproval of that system in municipal affairs, which would lead the private individual into insolvency, by spending every year more than his income.

By reference to the distribution of funds by the School Committee, it will be seen that \$500 of the contingent fund were transferred to the School Fund, and expended in repairing and painting the school houses, and improving the grounds, which, together with \$100 63 received from the State, and \$25 28 received from the Town of Stoneham, made the sum total of \$4,625 91. This does not change the aggregate statement of appropriations and expenditures on page 6 of this Report.

In order to facilitate the Finance Committee in the discharge of their duties, it is recommended that the Committee be appointed at the commencement of the financial year; with authority to make such suggestions as to the method of keeping the accounts as they may deem to be for the best interest of the Town.

The town property, estimated in 1859 at \$ 29,200, has not materially increased in value since that time; no additional purchases having been made; and the purchase of a lot of land near the corner of Main and Essex streets, previous to 1859, with a view

to erect thereon a Town Hall, at some future day, and estimated at \$3,000, is at present an unnecessary and unproductive piece of property ; for while the town is paying about \$100 per year for a place to do town business, they are also paying about \$180 interest on the original purchase money. The form of this lot of land not being well adapted for the erection of a public building, unless some addition is made thereto by another purchase, it is suggested that some disposition should be made of it, and a stop put to this item of interest.

#### NEW STREETS.

During the past year there have been laid out and built eight new streets. The amount of appropriation for the same was \$1,300. It will be seen, however, that the amount charged to that department is \$1,518 18, besides land damages to the amount of \$146, charged to the contingent fund, (but appropriately belonging to this department,) making a total of \$1,664 68 for new streets ; an excess of \$364 18 over the amount granted.

Some of the parties in interest, in laying out Winthrop Street, being dissatisfied with the award of the Selectmen for damages to their several estates, brought an action before a sheriff's jury, where a decision for an increase of the amount awarded was obtained. An appeal has been taken, and the matter is now before the Supreme Court for a final adjustment.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The appropriation of five hundred dollars for the Fire Department, has been expended. The engine is now in good order, and is manned by an efficient company, who are always ready to do patriotic service, whenever the calamity of fire occurs. Experience, however, has shown, that it is of little value to have an engine and fire company, unless some provision is made for a supply of water. This can be done by constructing wells, or reservoirs, in such localities as are not now supplied from natural sources. It is suggested that in addition to the appropriation already made and expended on the engine, another appropriation should be made with a view to supply the machine with water.

#### MALDEN GAS COMPANY.

By the action of the Selectmen, the Malden Gas Company have acquired the right of easement in some of the principal streets, to



lay down their pipes, with a view to supply such of our citizens with gas, as may choose to avail themselves of that method of procuring light. It is understood that the consideration for the right thus acquired, an indemnifying bond has been given in the sum of ten thousand dollars by the Company, to protect the Town from any damage which might accrue in consequence of any defects in the streets, caused by the action of the Company. The opportunity is now afforded the town, in its corporate capacity, to avail themselves of gas for lighting streets; an improvement very much needed in some of the most frequented thoroughfares.

#### WATER QUESTION.

The long pending question of the injunction granted by the Supreme Court to restrain the town officers from paying more money for draining L Pond, and meadows adjacent thereto, have decided that, in consequence of the long delay before application for the injunction, it must be discontinued. It is understood, however, that the question of claims for damage to individuals owning estates bordering on the pond in consequence of drainage, or the jurisdiction of the Town over the pond, was not passed upon.

The question of damage to individuals caused by draining the numerous wells on the plain, and the land slides caused by taking away the support of the water, are questions still open and yet to be decided by our Courts, whenever the aggrieved parties choose to bring an action.

The Committee recommend the following appropriations for 1861, which they believe will be sufficient to defray the expenses the coming year.

Highways and Sidewalks,	.	.	.	.	\$ 1,000 00
Poor,	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
Schools,	.	.	.	.	4,000 00
Contingent,	.	.	.	.	1,200 00
Interest,	.	.	.	.	1,750 00
To reduce the Town Debt,	.	.	.	.	4,000 00
Fire Department,	.	.	.	.	200 00

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\$ 13,150 00

P. B. HOLMES,  
AARON GREEN,  
WILLIAM PIERCE,

*Finance Committee.*

# TAXES OF RESIDENTS IN MELROSE.

1860.

Names.	Tax.	Names.	Tax.
Abbot, B. F.	1 81	Barron, Henry	1 81
Abbott, Jeremiah F.	1 81	Berry, R. P.	1 81
Adams, J. W.	21 70	Berry, R. P., Heirs of	9 95
Allen, William H.	22 48	Bartlett, Joseph	1 81
Allen, John, Heirs of	22 62	Barnes, Elizabeth L.	11 15
Angel, John J.	1 81	Bartlett, J. C.	11 70
Andrews, J. L.	13 51	Bartlett, George W.	1 81
Apthorp, J. T.	40 26	Bartholomew, T. C.	30 25
Atkiuson, John	8 44	Batchelder, Verey M.	17 02
Atkinson, Jonathan	5 05	Beal, George W.	5 79
Atkinson, John, Jr.	1 81	Beckett, James M.	25 60
Atwood, Joel	9 84	Benner, M. A.	15 58
Avery, J. Q. A.	5 32	Bennett, Francis	7 82
Avery, Kittredge	17 06	Bickford, Ira H.	23 53
		Bickford, Nelson W.	1 81
Barber, William	18 97	Bird, Charles A.	1 81
Barker, Samuel	6 88	Bigelow, Liberty	46 62
Barker, Josiah H.	31 88	Bishop, Daniel H.	1 81
Barrett, Augustus	37 53	Bishop, George	7 64
Barrett, Augustus, & Co.	9 36	Boardman, Samuel A.	1 81
Barrett, Artemas	17 29	Boardman, Benjamin	9 30
Barrett, Charles	1 81	Boardman, W. W.	21 12
Barrett, James A.	1 81	Boardman, George F.	80 86
Barrett, Albert B.	6 10	Boardman, Mary, Widow	11 90
Barrett, Sumner F.	33 22	Boardman, Charles	38 47
Barrett, Amos R.	1 81	Bodwell, Daniel	1 81
Barrett, Jonathan	9 69	Bogle, William	56 14
Barrett, Jonathan, and others, "	20 87	Bradbury, C. C.	19 15
Barrett, David	2 43	Brown, Keziah	26 29
Barrett, Michael	2 20	Brown, Laroy	8 21
Baker, Freeman	16 24	Brown, Orin	8 66
Baker, Martin	2 29	Brown, J. G.	14 17
Banks, William	1 81	Brown, Jonas, Heirs of	4 29
Baldwin, Jonathan, Mrs.	16 77	Brown, John	5 71
Ball, James	1 81	Brown, Increase H., Jr.	1 81
Babb, Walter	1 81	Brown, George E.	10 20
Barron, E. F.	1 81	Brown, C. W.	1 81
		Brown, Thomas	1 81

Names.	Tax.	Names.	Tax.
Besset, James	1 81	Connell, James	1 81
Bryant, Thomas O.	15 30	Collins, Walter R.	49 00
Blakely, D. W.	1 81	Conley, Jeremiah	1 81
Blaisdell, Charles H.	5 32	Conley, John	1 81
Burdett, Edwin E.	1 81	Connell, John	1 81
Burnham, E. P.	1 81	Conway, Patrick	7 35
Burnham, George P. }	171 81	Conway, John	1 81
or others, }		Conway, Dániel	1 81
Buck, E. H.	1 81	Coen, Thomas	1 81
Burns, Jefferson, or others,	41 01	Corson, J. V.	29 89
Burns, Jefferson, Mrs.	2 93	Corson, George G.	1 81
Burbank, Leonard E.	1 81	Critchett, Joseph R.	1 81
Burgess, W. B.	10 98	Crocker, Joseph	21 27
Burns, Michael	1 90	Crocker, John	13 51
Buffum, Carlon	18 58	Crockett, George B.	11 81
Buttrick, J. W.	1 81	Currier, Charles	1 81
Buttrick & Bartlett,	4 72	Curriea, Charles M.	28 95
Bugbee, Samuel S.	12 77	Cummings, Adis E.	1 81
		Cunningham, Andrew L.	49 39
Cahoon, Ellory	1 81	Cutting, William H.	17 41
Cary, Joel C.	1 81	Curtice, Samuel	8 17
Carter, Lucy	86		
Carter, Benjamin	7 89	Day, Loring	1 81
Castler, James	1 81	Daily, John	1 81
Case, George F.	1 81	Dawes, George M.	1 81
Cassin, James	23 24	Dawes, George G.	1 81
Callihan, Timothy	1 81	Dawes, William G.	1 81
Caligan, John	1 81	Davis, Edmund	15 92
Cary, Florance	1 81	Davis, Wallace	1 81
Chandler, Dudley	45 22	Davie, George	1 81
Chandler, Roswell W.	1 81	Dean, Nehemiah	2 36
Chamberlin, Joseph	1 81	Dean, Sarah	94
Chase, Hezekiah	1 81	Derby, Nathan J.	72 13
Chapin, Calvin P.	15 07	Deshon, Francis	1 81
Chambers, John L.	1 81	Davenport, M. C., Mrs.	9 13
Church, Asa	21 75	Dearborn & Co.,	23 71
Cheever, Sarah A.	5 62	Dearborn, S. O.	85 27
Clark, F. F.	4 93	Dix, William, Heirs of	26 36
Clark, John H.	20 49	Done, Lindall N.	29 58
Claverie, Jane, Mrs.	11 93	Double, E. B.	4 31
Close, Emery	14 49	Doe, Justin	1 81
Cochran, Jonathan	17 41	Dudley, William H.	1 81
Cochran, L. H. M.	13 90	Dunham, J. K.	7 66
Cochran, Nelson	18 81	Dutton, B. F.	1 81
Cobb, Elisha W.	12 96	Dunklee, Horace L.	42 37
Coburn, Henry A.	1 81	Durant, Augustus	48 45
Coburn, L. G.	36 33	Dyer, Thomas D.	1 81
Cooper, James	1 81	Dyer, John A.	14 29
Cook, William	9 88		
Coolidge, Charles J.	10 39	Eastman, Moses	4 52
Connell, Thomas	1 81	Eaton, Charles, Heirs of	16 38



Names.	Tax.	Names.	Tax.
Edgerly, Peter	30 09	Fuller, Sally, Heirs of	16 65
Ellis, Martin	16 71	Furbush, Milo	18 97
Ellis, P. R.	11 10	Furbush, Albert M.	1 81
Ellis & Co.	2 15		
Ellis, Jacob M.	8 05	Gale, G. O.	15 38
Ellison, Samuel	14 02	Gardner, Elbridge	25 99
Emerson, George	210 79	Gately, John	11 56
Emerson, Isaac	44 96	Gerry, Benjamin	11 37
Emerson, Isaac, Jr.	32 82	Gibbon, Frank	1 81
Emerson, George, 2d,	24 43	Godillot, Alexis	1 81
Emerson, R. W.	1 97	Gobal, Jacob	2 59
Emerson & Co.	13 38	Gordon, J. H.	1 81
Emerson, James G.	24 98	Gordon, Charles P.	24 43
Emerson, Lydia	11 70	Gordon, Curtis S.	1 81
Emerson & Stimpson,	16 38	Goss, Elbridge H.	29 03
Emery, Stephen	15 27	Goss, Allen C.	22 40
Estee, Charles F.	1 81	Gould, John B.	3 42
Evans, Thomas C.	1 81	Gould, Levi S.	1 81
		Gooch, D. W.	141 47
Fairbanks, John W.	27 55	Green, Aaron	73 11
Fairbanks, David	58 04	Green, Elbridge,	19 24
Fairbanks & Robinson,	19 54	Green, Clarissa	9 36
Fairbanks, Joseph A.	1 81	Greene, George W.	1 81
Farrar, James M.	1 81	Green, John H.	22 40
Farwell, Franklin,	1 81	Green, Joseph H.	98 82
Farnsworth, George W.	9 03	Green, Joseph, Heirs of	18 53
Furneaux, Charles	1 81	Green, Levi, Heirs of	2 15
Farnsworth, Wm. J.	111 13	Green, Sarah	42 51
Fenner, George C.	1 81	Grover, George W.	1 93
Fernebies, Bennett	1 81	Grover, George H.	1 81
Fernald, Ebenezer	9 24		
Finnegan, Dennis	5 05	Haley, William	1 81
Fisher, George W.	1 81	Halihan, Patrick,	1 81
Fitzgibbon, Thomas	1 81	Hart, Almon P.	12 30
Fisk, Charles H.	1 81	Hart, George	1 81
Fisk, Samuel	14 10	Hare, Andrew	2 40
Flemming, James	3 20	Harris, Samuel, Heirs of	13 65
Flemming, Michael	3 72	Hannan, William	5 94
Fletcher, George M.	44 09	Harvey, Franklin	1 81
Fogg, Joseph A.	1 81	Haskell, A. W.	16 44
Follensbee, John H.	10 39	Hawkins, Thomas	6 88
Foster, Daniel W.	32 48	Hawkins, John	6 10
Fountain, Francis	10 98	Hebbard, Charles	1 81
Freeman, O. H.	1 81	Heath, George W.	48 34
Freeman, L. T.	1 81	Heaton, John	3 99
Fuller, George P.	3 84	Hemmenway, Francis	9 46
Fuller, George E.	2 47	Hemmenway, George	12 34
Fuller, William E.	23 63	Hemmenway, Charity, }	1 56
Fuller, L. L.	47 64	Heirs of	
Fuller, L. L. & Co.	1 40	Hemmenway, Wm. Jr.	1 81
Fuller, Mrs. Abigail	3 12	Hemmenway, Wm., Heirs of	5 34

Names.	Tax.	Names.	Tax.
Herrick, George W.	1 81	Jones, William T.	1 81
Herrick, Nathaniel H.	1 81	Jones, Charles C.	23 88
Herrick, Henry	19 93	Johnson, Rebecca	16 19
Higgins, John S.	94 71	Judkins, John	6 10
Higgins, Michael	1 81	Judkins, Roland C.	1 89
Hinney, John	2 71		
Hill, David	2 12	Kastner, Charles	1 81
How, F. D.	1 81	Keith, Charles E.	1 81
How, F. E.	1 81	Kelley, Charles	1 81
Howard, Otis	2 01	Kendall, S. E.	1 81
Howard, A. B.	1 81	Kendall, Ezra C.	9 22
Howard, Widow Elizabeth	11 51	Kent, Elisha T.	18 78
Howard, Nathaniel	14 13	Kilby, Alden	17 10
Howard, Nathaniel A.	9 14	Killian, James	1 81
Howard, Caleb G.	1 81	Kimball, Jacob	9 03
Howard, Michael	1 81	Kimball, Moses	47 64
Howard, Caleb	78 09	Kimball, Thomas J.	13 90
Howard, Caleb, Ex'r of } Will of J. Boardman, }	120 90	Kimball, John	28 33
Howard, Caleb, J. G. } Emerson, and Mrs. }	22 62	Knights, E. R.	4 93
Wing,		Knott, James	45 53
Howard & Lamkin,	39 78	Krantz, William F.	2 20
Howard, E. W.	1 81	Krantz, Frederick C.	2 98
Holden, O. H.	1 81		
Hole, Francis	1 81	Lamb, John	1 81
Holt, J. V.	2 40	Lamkin, Guy	46 23
Holt, C. S.	1 81	Larrabee, Mary R.	78
Heoffner, Anthony	1 81	Larrabee, Betsey	78
Horne, James	1 81	Larrabee, Charles	1 81
Hogan, Michael,	1 81	Lane, Addison	12 30
Holbrook, Joseph	2 55	Lavender, John R.	1 81
Holbrook, Mrs. Adeline	15 13	Leeds, Frederick	14 49
Holmes, P. B.	23 65	Leeds, Samuel	1 81
Howes, Jonathan	5 71	Leavitt, Rufus	1 81
Hudson, Jarvis	1 81	Leonard, Henry A.	1 81
Hurley, John	5 94	Linikin, Benj.	2 08
Hyatt, Richard F.	1 81	Little, Edmond B.	1 81
Hyde, Stephen	8 38	Littlefield, James D.	22 45
Hill, Isaiah	24 57	Littlefield, Jr. Walter	1 81
		Light, William	1 81
		Lock, Simeon	143 80
		Lock, E. A.	1 81
Ingalls, J. C.	51 50	Long, Thomas A.	11 17
Ireson, Henry J.	6 50	Long, Jeremiah	2 01
Isburgh, Charles H.	50 09	Lord, James H.	1 81
		Lord, Samuel	11 13
Jackson, Leonard,	12 34	Lovering, Luke W.	27 94
Jones, Mrs. Mary Ann	6 24	Lynde, A. P.	75 03
Jones, Isaac	1 81	Lynde, A. V.	79 46
Jones, Nathaniel P.	1 81	Lynde, John	62 07
Jones, J. Wesley	1 81	Lynde, Jonathan	60 74
Jones, Benjamin S.	8 44	Lynde, William, 2d.	41 63

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Lynde, John, 2d.	27 51	Merrill, Joshua, Heirs of	6 51
Lynde, J. Oscar	3 57	Messenger, Francis A.	148 08
Lynde, William O.	2 71	Messenger, Charles A.	15 46
Lynde, J. O. and W. O.	7 68	Mitchell, J. A.	1 81
Lynde, Learned	1 81	Morse, William H.	18 97
Lynde, Sherman	1 81	Morse, George H.	1 81
Lynde, Benjamin	1 81	Morse, William	1 81
Lynde, Daniel A.	31 68	Morse, Andrew J.	52 51
Lynde, Warren	40 81	Morrison, James	10 55
Lynde, Joseph	206 67	Moore, William C.	1 81
Lynde, Aaron	11 17	Morcomb, Henry P.	1 81
Lynde, George	10 33	Morcomb, Esther	2 73
Lynde, George, 2d.	35 94	Mosely, Abner	1 81
Lynde, Thomas	1 81	Mosely, Rhoda E.	11 82
Lynde, Eliza	15 60	Moulton, Ephraim	1 81
Lynde, Wm. 2d. & Perkins	78	Mumler, Andrew C.	1 81
		Munn, T. J.	1 81
Macy, James	9 61	Murphy, John	1 81
Macy, William H.	1 81	Munroe, William H.	1 81
Magoon, Sylvanus,	1 81	Murphy, Walter	5 32
Mahan, Thomas	1 81		
Mansfield, George A.	26 22	Newhall, George	18 58
Magna, William	1 81	Newhall, William	11 80
Marshall, Samuel	1 81	Newhall, James	1 81
Marshall, William P.	1 81	Newhall, E. B.	2 59
Marshall, Thomas	7 08	Newhall, H. B.	7 89
Maroney, Timothy	6 72	Nevins, E. P.	23 65
Martin, William	1 81	Nevins, Andrew	1 81
Martin & Leonard,	9 36	Nevins, Edward	1 81
Martin, Jeremiah	246 85	Norris, H. A.	26 28
Martin, Levi	13 12	Norris, Eliza, Mrs.	1 56
Mathews, L. B.	1 81	Norton, Daniel	27 55
Mayo, Freeman	1 81	Norton, J. R.	15 46
Mayall, George	1 81	Norton, R. J.	1 81
McKay, Hugh R.	24 82	Nichols, S. W.	27 59
McKinnon, Charles	5 71	Noyes, George N.	28 53
McCoubry, Thomas	11 87	Noyes, Charles M.	1 81
McAllister, George H.	1 81	Noyes, M. A.	15 66
McAllister, Daniel	1 81	Noyes, Hosea	1 81
McCarthy, Timothy	1 81		
McMann, Philip	1 81	O'Brien, John	2 20
McCafferty, M. A.	1 81	O'Brien, Timothy	1 81
McLaughlin, Hiram W.	15 07		
McKanna, Edward	2 98	Page, Dudley	1 81
McLenathan, Charles	9 61	Paine, N. G.	5 40
McKinnon, Dugald, Heirs of	1 17	Palmer, Daniel	20 37
Meador, H. A.	1 81	Palmer, M. R.	14 84
Mendum, Josiah P.	14 45	Parker, Moses, Doct.	15 27
Merrick, T. B.	10 16	Parker, Edward	1 81
Merrill, A. D., Rev.	1 81	Paine, G. V.	2 98
Merrill, Elizabeth	9 01	Parsons, William H.	7 50

Names.	Tax.	Names.	Tax.
Perkins, A. P.	15 46	Roe, Ai	2 20
Perkins, John Jr.	1 81	Russell, Daniel	38 86
Perkins, H. N.	84 30	Russell, Bartholomew	1 81
Phillips, Thomas	7 86		
Phinney, E. O., Doct.	34 49	Sargent, Wingate N.	65 15
Phinney, Stephen J., }	34 83	Sargent, Amasa	17 80
Heirs of }		Sargent, Robert	1 81
Pierce, William	7 70	Sawyer, A. M., Mrs.	12 09
Pierce, T. G.	13 39	Sawyer, Lemuel,	1 81
Pierce, Ansel B.	1 81	Saper, Cornelia, and }	11 39
Porter, Rufus	1 81	Sage, Emeline, Mrs. }	
Pool, William F.	29 38	Sargent, S. S.	2 73
Powers, Michael	1 81	Sayse, James	15 42
Pray, William	1 81	Seavey, Leonard	1 81
Pratt, Dexter	6 49	Severy, Solomon	1 81
Pratt, Dexter, Mrs.	14 82	Severy & Ingalls,	2 34
Pratt, Charles	75 43	Sewall, Samuel E.	221 25
Prentice, Charles	1 81	Sewall, Harriet W.	10 48
Prescott, Horace	14 21	Sewall, Lucy E.	4 38
		Sewall, J. S.	14 95
Quinn, Michael	2 01	Sewall, Stinson	1 81
		Simonds, John	15 66
Rankin, Augustus	1 81	Simonds, E. W.	1 81
Readhead, Alanson	1 81	Simonds, Charles H.	25 18
Readhead, Lucy A., Mrs.	13 69	Simonds, Joseph R.	20 14
Read, George W.	1 81	Simonds, Nabby	8 58
Remick, William A.	18 97	Sillsbee, Otis	3 81
Rich, Seth	9 42	Singer, John	7 00
Richardson, William A.	1 81	Simpson, Thomas W., }	12 09
Richardson, Ithiel Jr.	1 81	Heirs of }	
Richardson, Ithiel S.	3 76	Shelton, John	110 70
Richardson, Lewis	3 57	Shelton, Thomas, Widow	29 64
Richardson, Lewis Jr.	1 81	Shelton, Stephen W.	1 81
Richardson, William 2d.	50 87	Shelton, Thomas J.	5 49
Richardson, Henry C.	7 58	Shelton, A. F.	1 81
Richardson, Winthrop, }	140 79	Shelton, R. H.	1 81
Heirs of }		Shelton, Stephen	39 09
Richard, Moses	13 74	Shelton, Stephen A.	1 81
Rice, Samuel	80 16	Shelton & Cheever,	2 18
Riley, William O.	7 15	Shepard, Henry C.	1 81
Robbins, Charles	1 81	Shepard, T. R.	1 81
Robbins, Charles G.	1 81	Skinner, Glover	2 59
Robinson, S. A.	1 81	Slocumb, Asa	1 81
Robinson, H. E.	1 81	Smith, John	27 94
Robinson, N. R.	23 66	Smith, Rufus	4 15
Robinson, Henry	4 22	Smith, W. A.	11 33
Robinson & Fisher,	1 56	Smith, Thomas, Heirs of	2 73
Robinson, Luther	9 61	Snow, Joel	25 09
Robson, John	1 81	Souther, John B.	1 81
Robson, John, Mrs.	7 80	Southwick, E. B.	2 41
Robie, Hannah	25 15	Sprague, Samuel	1 81



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Sprague, Mary Y.	8 19	Upham, Joshua	22 91
Sprague, Samuel, Jr.	1 81	Upham, Asa, Jr.	9 88
Sprague, R. P.	1 81	Upham, Sylvanus	4 42
Sprague, George P.	1 81	Upham, Eri	6 80
Sprague, A. W.	1 81	Upham, Orne	16 75
Sprague, Phineas	15 46	Upham, George	6 64
Stantial, George P.	10 70	Upham, Ezekiel	17 84
Stantial, Thomas B.	13 16	Upham, Timothy	2 20
Stevens, Charles H.	1 93	Upham, Widow Mary D.	7 33
Stevens, Charles T.	71 94	Upham, Charles H.	9 22
Stevens, Gilbert	14 88	Upham, Benjamin R.	21 12
Stevenson, Peter	1 81	Upham, Eli	17 02
Stetson, William F.	1 81	Upham, Albert	2 59
Stinson, William	1 81	Upham, Eli & Albert	24 88
Stilphen, John E.	10 00	Upham, S. S., Heirs of	7 02
Stone, David	33 44	Upham, Osgood W.	1 81
Stone, Daniel	14 60	Upham, Jesse, Heirs of	9 36
Stone, Calvin	22 09	Upham, Freeman	21 27
Stone, William H.	34 77	Upham, Ellen A.	9 36
Stone & Higgins,	6 24		
Stone, Cyrus	13 71	Valentine, John S.	20 84
Stratton, William	1 81	Varney, Calvin,	18 97
Sullivan, Jeremiah	1 81	Varney, Moses E.	1 81
Sumners, Samuel F.	17 41	Varney, Ellen E.	6 24
Serrat, William F.	1 81	Vinton, Isaac	24 70
Sumner, Stephen	1 81	Vinton, Nathan A.	8 05
Sweeney, Patrick	1 81	Vinton, Aaron	1 81
Sweetser, Thomas	1 81	Vinton, Gray	6 88
Tattoo, Austin	1 81	Waite, Peletiah R.	10 39
Taylor, S. D.	13 90	Waite, Peter A.	13 83
Taylor, Marcus C.	9 81	Waite, Charles A.	1 93
Taylor, Fernando C.	28 21	Wallace, Richard	3 10
Taylor, David L.	30 28	Ware, Joshua	15 46
Taylor, Franklin	7 80	Walbridge, Pliny	1 81
Tainter, Ezra	1 81	Warren, Ralph	23 53
Terwilleger, L. T.	15 69	Wasdell, Richard	1 81
Thomas, Joseph	13 35	Wetherbee, Daniel	6 10
Thompson, John	1 81	Wells, William H.	15 85
Toller, J. H.	9 61	Wells, Charles	1 81
Towner, Levi C.	2 36	West, John	9 61
Townsend, Edgar F.	1 81	Westcott, Joseph H.	3 29
Troby, William B.	4 93	Westgate, J. C.	50 37
Trowbridge, Henry E.	26 38	Whyte, B. F.	1 81
Tucker, Horace G.	9 88	White, John M.	1 81
Turley, John	1 81	White, A. L.	82 17
Twombly, S., Widow	1 17	Whitney, Hiram	7 11
Treasurer of M. E. Society,	8 19	White, Charles F.	1 81
Treasurer of Baptist Society,	62	Whowell, John	11 17
		Wilde, Maximillian S. G.	6 49
Upham, Asa	32 70	Wilde, John, Heirs of	8 78

Names.	Tax.	Names.	Tax.
Wilde, Joseph D.	24 43	Woodward, David R.	1 81
Wilcox, Daniel W.	25 99	Woodward, George	1 81
Williams, Charles	1 81	Woodward, Samuel	4 35
Wilkinson, Isaac	1 81	Wyman, George W.	1 90
Wilson, Benjamin	1 81	Wyman, Samuel	9 34
Wing, Ellen J.	23 01	Whyte, Oliver	18 66
Wood, Richard	1 81		
Wood, Joseph	7 47	Young, Amos S.	1 81
Woodward, Thomas B.	9 22	Young, Isaiah	1 81

### Abatement of Taxes in 1860.

Names.	Tax.	Names.	Tax.
Beal, George W.	2 79	Krantz, Frederic C.	1 48
Boardman, Benjamin	1 81	Lynde, A. P.	1 56
Bradbury, C. C.	1 15	Paine, G. V.	1 81
Cochran, L. H. M.	1 81	Richardson, Winthrop,	} 5 76
Crockett, George B.	1 81	Heirs of	
Goss, Allen C.	1 13	Shelton, Thomas J.	3 68
Gooch, D. W.	4 25	Shelton, Stephen	9 20
Ireson, Henry J.	1 17	Wyman, Samuel	1 76

## NON-RESIDENT TAX-PAYERS,

OF FIVE DOLLARS AND UPWARDS.

Names.	Tax.	Names.	Tax.
Allen, George W.	\$55 38	Chandler, Mrs.	14 12
Allen, William	15 91	Chase, Nathan D.	12 48
Anderson, John	6 90	Clifton, John	5 46
Arnold, Keziah	6 24	Conant, Rufus	17 94
Avery, Ephraim	13 51	Converse, J. W.	63 18
		Converse & Thorndike,	28 47
Baker, Mr.	16 54	Converse, Elisha	13 26
Barrett, S. H.	5 46	Cook, Ephraim	12 87
Barnard, T. M.	7 80	Copeland, Charles	43 29
Baxter, F. W.	8 97	Cochran, S. M.	6 24
Beebe, Lucius	77 84	Crane, Luther	10 45
Brown, E. F.	14 82	Cushing, Lemuel	12 36
Brown, Elizabeth	31 59		
Blake, John	7 33	Deluce, Mary, widow,	6 28
Black, Simon	7 02	Dexter, Richard, Heirs of	8 58
Bugbee, Margaret, widow,	14 84	Durgin, E. and others,	14 82
Burrill, John	14 90	Dustin, William	7 80
Casey, Thomas	6 24	Edmonds, John, Heirs of	8 11

Names.	Tax.	Names.	Tax.
Emerson, Rev. Warren	20 05	Mitchell, James, Jr.	5 91
Faulkner, David, widow,	17 94	Nowell, George	19 50
Foster, Daniel, 2d,	15 02	Oakes, Uriah, widow,	6 63
Fox, Dr. G. V.	21 06	Parsons, Mrs.	20 28
French & Fowle,	13 26	Phippin, G. S.	10 53
Geer, George F.	11 12	Porter, Charles	20 67
Gerry, Elbridge	19 77	Putney, Samuel	21 06
Green, C. W.	23 79	Boston and Maine R. R.	12 06
Green, Jonathan	6 32	Richardson, Israel	21 45
Green, Peter and Jesse, 2d,	5 66	Sargent, Isaac	5 85
Green, Peter, Jr.,	5 85	Steele, E. A.	14 55
Greenleaf, L. L.	42 71	Stackpole, Joanna	6 08
Greenleaf & Brown,	19 89	Smith, L. G.	13 57
Holbrook, George E.	31 20	Talbot, Josiah W.	17 94
Holbrook, Mrs. Elizabeth	22 23	Thompson, John	23 34
Hobbs, Nathan	24 96	Thorndike, J. P.	8 81
Hutchins, E. W.	7 29	Thresher, James M.	29 84
Ireland, Geo. W.	36 27	Towne, W. B.	10 34
Jameson, T. C.	23 99	Tufts, Simon	6 71
James, Mrs., or others,	6 83	Tudor, Frederick	9 52
Kimball, Mrs. George	14 04	Very, Capt.	17 08
Kittredge, Alvah	40 64	Webster, J. G. & Emer- } son, Geo.	13 26
Kramer, Melchior, Heirs of	40 95	Webster, D. L. and J. G.	199 60
Larrabee, William	16 97	Webster, D. L.	29 09
Larrabee, Lakeman & } Pierce,	20 67	Webster, J. G. and D. L.	16 85
Litchfield, Ward	11 90	Wells, H. B.	35 53
Locke, Samuel B.	7 80	West, Thomas	56 16
Lynde, Jacob, Heirs of	18 33	Wiggin, Robert P.	26 13
Massy, John	10 92	Wiggin, Mrs. Sarah F.	6 63
Messenger, George W.	5 46	Wheeler, Robert,	6 24
		Wise, D. P.	7 80

## LESS THAN FIVE DOLLARS.

There are two hundred and fifty-one Non-Residents, paying a tax of less than five dollars each.



# TOWN STATISTICS.

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## TOWN OFFICERS OF MELROSE FOR THE YEAR 1860-61.

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### SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

GEORGE EMERSON, NELSON COCHRAN,  
W. J. FARNSWORTH.

### TOWN CLERK.

E. R. KNIGHTS.

### TOWN TREASURER.

CALEB HOWARD.

### SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

WILLIAM LYNDE, 2d, S. D. TAYLOR.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

E. O. PHINNEY, 2 years. AARON GREEN, 1 year.  
ELBRIDGE GREEN, 1 year.

### AUDITORS.

P. B. HOLMES, WILLIAM PIERCE, AARON GREEN.

### CONSTABLES.

J. G. EMERSON, W. J. FARNSWORTH, S. D. TAYLOR.

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

### REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT.

ARTEMAS BARRETT, of Melrose.

LUCIUS BEEBE, of South Reading.

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## VALUATION.

Valuation of real estate owned by residents, . . . . .	\$ 989,877
“ “ “ non-residents, . . . . .	286,253
“ personal estate owned by residents, . . . . .	136,089
“ “ “ non-residents, . . . . .	932
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$ 1,413,151

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## POPULATION.

The population of Melrose, by the census of 1860, was . . . . . 2,482  
Poll tax payers, . . . . . 621

# REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

THE number of Births, Marriages and Deaths, during the year 1860, was as follows :

	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
January, . . . . .	6	3	3
February, . . . . .	4		4
March, . . . . .	5	1	6
April, . . . . .	4	2	8
May, . . . . .	9	1	4
June, . . . . .	6	4	2
July, . . . . .	5	2	2
August, . . . . .	6		4
September, . . . . .	6	4	5
October, . . . . .	10	4	4
November, . . . . .	2	2	2
December, . . . . .	7		3
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Total, . . . . .	70	23	47

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Whole number of Births, . . . . .	70
Males, . . . . .	34
Females, . . . . .	36
Both parents American, . . . . .	54
Both parents foreign, . . . . .	15
American and foreign, . . . . .	1

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Whole number of Marriages, . . . . .	23
American, . . . . .	18
Foreign, . . . . .	3
American and foreign, . . . . .	2

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Whole number of Deaths, . . . . .	47
Males, . . . . .	25
Females, . . . . .	22

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN MELROSE, 1860.

Date of Death.	Names.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Disease.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		
Jan. 14	Willie Morse,	6	6		Melrose,	Consumption.
" 24	—— Bennet,			3	Melrose,	
" 30	Phebe Sprague,	86			Melrose,	Old Age.
Feb. 7	Patrick Graham,	60			Dublin, Ireland,	" Cars passing over him."
" 7	Mary E. Gaskill,	1	10	24	——	Scarlet Fever.
" 19	John Wilde,	74			England,	Disease of Heart.
" 27	Mary J. Harrington,	37			——	Consumption.
March 2	Lucy Ann Howard,	3			Melrose,	Congestion of Brain.
" 13	Alice Ella Noyes,		1	7	Melrose,	Scrofula.
" 13	Ida Bell Bickford,	2		5	Melrose,	Croup.
" 15	William A. Childs,	1		2	Melrose,	Congestion of Brain.
" 20	Jonathan French,	76		6	Melrose,	Cancer.
" 21	Abigail Simonds,	89			Stoneham,	Old Age.
April 1	Stephen Phinney,	39			Wilmot, Nova Scotia	Typhoid Fever.
" 5	Jeze Upham,	80			Melrose,	Paralysis.
" 7	Gertrude H. Bishop,		1	14	Melrose,	Cholera Infantum.
" 10	Samuel Howard,				Melrose,	Marasmus.
" 12	John Hitching,	26			Melrose,	Consumption.
" 16	Thomas W. Simpson,	49			Charleston, S. C.	Consumption.
" 18	Clara J. Bryant,	8			Boston,	Scarlet Fever.
" 20	Ann Elizabeth Collins,	61			England,	Tubercular.
May 5	John McDonland,	35			Ireland,	Inflammation of Bowels.
" 6	Samuel Harris,	55			Ashburnham, N. H.	Inflammation of Bowels.
" 11	Mary A. Sawyer,	21		5	Danvers,	Consumption.
" 12	Hannah Hemmenway,	56			Melrose,	Lung Fever.
June 7	Olive Newhall,				Derry, N. H.	Phthisis.
" 21	Charles D. Sargent,			3	Melrose,	Premature Birth.
July 13	Arthur L. Young,	2	6	12	Boston,	Diarrhea and convulsions.
" 23	George V. Payne,	20	4	15	Boston,	Typhus.
Aug. 8	Rufus Leavitt, Jr.			4	Melrose,	Convulsions.
" 11	Theodore Avery,		2	3	Melrose,	Cholera Infantum.
" 22	Phineas Green,	95		8	Melrose,	Old Age.
" 26	Amy Leighton Eastman,		3		Melrose,	Congestion of Brain.
Sept. 3	Nelly Dawes,	1		3	Melrose Highlands,	Cholera Infantum.
" 4	Geo. Washington Barrett,		6	13	Melrose,	Cholera Infantum.
" 8	Joseph H. Westcott,		11	19	Melrose,	Cholera Infantum.
" 14	James Brown,	67		4	Stoneham,	Cancer.
" 15	Charles S. Howard,	26		9	North Malden,	Consumption.
Oct. 4	Diantha Emerson,	34		6	Melrose,	Rheum. & Typhoid Fever.
" 8	Lorenzo H. M. Cochran	51		2	Monmouth, Me.	Catarrh, Paralysis, or
" 12	Isaac Condry,	86		1	Reading,	Asthma. [Apoplexy.
" 13	Helen Louise Upham,	2		8	Melrose,	Disease of Brain.
Nov. 7	Henry Charles Upham,	6		20	Melrose,	Typhus.
" 21	Betsey Larrabee,	77		9	Melrose,	
Dec. 3	Artemas Fletcher,	19		4	Boston,	Consumption.
" 4	John W. Smith,	38		4	Truro,	Dyspepsia and Consump'n.
" 7	Sarah Banks,	54		3	England,	Ileus.

## REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDS.

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WE the subscribers, citizens of Melrose, duly appointed Fire Wards for the year 1860-61, in order to carry into effect the provisions of the Commonwealth relating to the duty of Fire Wards, mutually agree to support the following

### B Y - L A W S .

ARTICLE 1.—The Officers of this Board shall consist of Chief and Clerk.

ART. 2.—It shall be the duty of the Chief to preside at all meetings of this Board ; to take command at all fires ; and to direct all proper measures for the extinguishment of fires and the protection of property.

ART. 3.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a record of all business transacted by this Board ; also to keep a record of all fires that may occur in this Town ; to notify members of meetings at such times as this Board may order, or the Chief may deem expedient to call.

ART. 4.—It shall be the duty of all members of this Board, whenever a fire breaks out in this Town, to repair forthwith to the place where the fire may be, to take proper measures that the apparatus be arranged in the most advantageous situation, and worked to the effectual extinguishment of the fire ; to obtain the assistance of firemen and others in removing furniture and goods from buildings, or in danger, and to perform such other duties as the circumstances may require for staying a conflagration. And it shall also be their duty to examine into the condition of the hose, and engine, and other fire apparatus belonging to the Town, and report annually to the Town the condition of the same.

ART. 5.—The members of this Board will wear their badges when on duty, and no substitute or other person will be allowed to wear the same.

ART. 6.—In case of the absence of the Chief, the next in rank present shall execute the duties of his office.

ART. 7.—When a fire occurs in the towns of Malden, South Reading, or Stoneham, it will be the duty of the members of this Board to allow the engine to leave town, if in their judgment it is expedient, and their services are needed. But firemen are forbidden going beyond those limits.

ART. 8.—Whenever it shall be decided at a fire, by three or more of the members of this Board, to be necessary to provide refreshments for the firemen of this or neighboring towns present, the same may be done by their order, and all such provisions shall be attended to by one or more of this Board, appointed by the Chief.

ART. 9.—The regular meeting of this Board shall be held monthly, on the first Tuesday of each month. Special meetings may be called from time to time by the Chief, notice being given of the same, as in Article 3.

ART. 10.—No bills shall be approved, unless brought before a regular meeting of the Board, and certified to by the signature of the Clerk.

ART. 11.—These Articles may be altered, amended, or suspended, by a two-thirds vote of this Board at any regular meeting, by giving one month's notice of intentions to alter or suspend, previous to vote, and subject to the approval of the Selectmen.

JOSEPH H. SIMONDS,  
SAMUEL ELLISON,  
JOHN ROBSON,  
MARTIN ELLIS,  
G. T. BOARDMAN,  
J. H. WESCOTT,

*Board of Fire Wards.*

SAMUEL ELLISON, *Clerk.*



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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WE need no stronger proof of the high civilization and commanding intelligence of our ancient Commonwealth, than the condition of her public schools. Her patriotic legislators understanding well the importance of general intelligence, to a stable and perpetuated government, have commanded those having the superintendence to make "a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools," within the limits of each and every town, "which shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to the schools as the committee deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof."

Politically considered, the subject of universal education has never before presented, to the American people, reasons more strong in proof of its necessity to the well-being of the Republic. The scenes of infatuated and riotous rebellion which have transpired within a few months in a portion of the country, overawing the more considerate, and suppressing the free expression of conservative opinion, can only be acted where the masses are uneducated. It would require more than a mere apprehended contingency, to arouse the New England mind to such a frenzy of political madness. Educated mind must act from motives having their foundation in reason; uneducated mind acts from the impulse of passion. The one thinks and acts, the other acts and thinks afterward.

If we would preserve our children from becoming the dupes of unprincipled demagogues, and defeated politicians, we must prepare them, by education and thorough moral training, to detect their selfish schemes and raise their own hearts to the appreciation of those great principles on which the institutions of a great and free people rest. No generation has any right to transmit to their children a country less free, less prosperous and less happy, than when received from their fathers. To retrograde, in this age of Christian enterprise and human progress, is an unpardonable offence against the race. Whatever others may do, let it be the boast of

Massachusetts that her sons and daughters have been educated to meet and sustain the responsibilities which an eventful age devolves upon them.

If there exists any important error in the education of the present day, it seems to be found in a lack of systematic, moral and Christian training. Except in collegiate and academical schools, we are not aware that moral science and the evidences of Christianity are ever required as an essential part of education. This department, as it respects the masses, is, by common consent, intrusted to the teaching of the pulpit. Sectarian jealousy should not exclude from the school-room the discussion of those topics, the principles of which enter into the creed of all Christian communities. It is believed that compendious treatises of the above named subjects might be prepared and introduced into our public schools with great benefit.

1. Because multitudes of the children of the Commonwealth seldom or never enter the places of public religious instruction, except for the gratification of a vain curiosity, and consequently never obtain just and comprehensive views of those great subjects whose principles underlay the entire structure of a Christian government. 2. Because principles thoroughly studied and comprehended in youth, enter into the formation of the character and shape the future conduct of the individual vastly more than when neglected till maturer years, and to be learned, if learned at all, irregularly, and in connection with distracting influences. Such an exercise, weekly, would constitute an appropriate Monday morning recitation for an entire school, and afford profitable matter for recollection and reference in the discipline during the remainder of the week.

But few changes in our Board of Instruction have occurred to interrupt the schools during the year; and no extraordinary complaints have been preferred by the patrons of the schools against the parties engaged in conducting the education of their children. Some two or three persons have found fault with the correction of their children; but upon inquiry, it has been ascertained to have been necessary, in order to maintain a healthful and vigorous discipline. Others have complained that a want of energy and lack of discipline have characterized the schools to which their children have been sent.

In employing a considerable number of teachers, it is practically



difficult to select those only who are endowed with all the qualities requisite to a successful teacher. The Committee do not profess to render, either in their own service or that of the persons employed by them, a faultless skill or judgment. Their aim has been to secure the greatest good to the whole community, consistent with the liberal provisions placed at their disposal ; and they have the satisfaction of believing that, as a whole, our schools have seldom experienced a more profitable year. Indeed, most of our teachers are eminent for their thorough and efficient instruction ; and many of the pupils have done honor to themselves, and reflected credit upon their instructors.

### THE HIGH SCHOOL

Has been under the instruction of Mr. Edward Parker, Jr., and Miss Zoe A. Noyes, both possessing, in a high degree, the qualities of successful educators. Uninterrupted progress has marked the condition of this school throughout the year. Solid, thorough learning, in preference to showy recitation, has characterized the school.

In addition to the common English branches, instruction has been given in Latin, Greek, Algebra, Geometry, Rhetoric, Physiology, Botany and Book-keeping. From this enumeration it will be seen, that we have virtually a High School in our midst, notwithstanding the vote of the town refusing to sustain a school of that grade. We do not, however, understand that the town, by that vote, forbids instruction being given in the higher branches of learning ; but simply, that it wills not to assume the responsibility of strictly conforming to all the legal requirements of such an institution. We are satisfied that the town desires to sustain the good reputation of our schools ; and if practicable, even to enlarge the sphere of their usefulness.

The attendance has been less than in former years, the whole number for the consecutive terms being 52, 40, 42 and 43 ; and the average for the year has been  $83\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. The number of boys in attendance has been less than two-thirds that of the girls. It is desirable that this school should be more fully attended. Let none who wish to enjoy its advantages withdraw on account of age. A year or two longer than the usual practice spent in school, may be of very great benefit to such as enjoy no further advantages of education.

## GREEN STREET GRAMMAR.

ADELA R. POOR, *Teacher*.

The examination of this school gave evidence of the same faithfulness and persevering labor on the part of the teacher, and successful industry on the part of the pupils, as in former years. Its discipline is highly satisfactory. The attendance for the several terms has been 49, 40, 41 and 39; and the average for the year a fraction over 35 and a little more than 82 per centum. Last year the average was about 28, and the per centum less than 81.

## LYNDE STEET GRAMMAR.

PHERE A. NORRIS, *Teacher*.

A reference to the Reports of former years will furnish an exhibit of what may justly be said of its present merits. The labor of the school has been well and satisfactorily performed. The following facts, collected from the Register by the teacher, indicate the character of the school better than verbose comments.

" Not absent or tardy during the year, . . . . .	4
" " " " 3 terms, . . . . .	2
" " " " 2 " . . . . .	2
" " " " 1 term, . . . . .	6"

The names of the first are John Larrabee, Delia Richardson, Carrie Wyatt and Herbert Westgate; of the second class, Ella Readhead and Fannie Morse; of the third, Julia Wood and Abbie Littlefield; of the fourth, Lydia Mendum, Katie Bogle, Helen Edgerly, Willis Holmes, Fred. Edgerly and Osborn Emerson.

Similar statements, the numbers being less, were made at the public examination of several other schools; but the data not being at hand, we forbear mentioning more than the simple fact. The whole number has been 45, 40, 42 and 48—the average for the year 39 7-10, and the per centum about 87½. The Report of last year gave the average for the year about 37, and the per centum 88.

## LYNDE STREET PRIMARY.

SOPHRONIA B. PERRY, *Teacher*.

The present teacher has had the charge of the school but ten weeks, having been appointed to succeed Miss Sarah E. Batcheller, who was elected, early in the last term, to a more lucrative situation in East Boston.

The classes in Arithmetic are doing well for so young pupils. The Reading and Geography classes have also made progress. The second class in Spelling needs improving. Whole number

of scholars the past year has been 53, 54, 52 and 51—and the average for the year,  $43\frac{1}{3}$ , or  $79\frac{3}{4}$  per centum. These figures show a decrease in numbers but an increased per cent attendance. The first three terms last year gave an attendance of 63, the winter term 58, and the average per cent  $75\frac{1}{2}$ .

#### VINTON STREET INTERMEDIATE.

JENNIE L. CRIE, *Teacher*.

The general condition of this school through the year has been satisfactory to the Committee ; but the examination at the close did not pass off with as much brilliancy as some others. From the crowded state of the room, the pupils were compelled to recite, in an unusual manner, at their desks, thereby occasioning much embarrassment. This was especially true of the larger scholars. It requires some experimental tact to conduct an examination of children so as to appear to advantage. The whole attendance has been 43, 44, 49 and 45, and the average per centum for the year 86. This school is larger than in former years.

#### VINTON STREET PRIMARY.

ELLEN A. GREEN, *Teacher*.

The recitations at the late examination were creditable, considering the grade of the school. Several of the more advanced scholars have been placed under the instruction of Miss Crie during the year. The teacher evidently manifests a good degree of interest in her pupils. Considerable insubordination existed in the school early in the year ; the latter terms have been less disturbed by rebellious elements. Still, however, the school needs the exercise of a firm disciplinarian, in order to secure its highest good. One of the earliest lessons to be taught the young, is obedience to constituted authority ; and until this is done, but little progress can be made in unfolding the better susceptibilities of our distorted nature. The whole number of pupils have been 54, 51, 53 and 41, for the several terms, and the per centum for the entire year a fraction less than 75.

The former figures exceed the attendance of the previous year.

#### CENTRE PRIMARY.

HELEN A. NORRIS, *Teacher*.

Miss Norris succeeded Miss C. Lucilia Sweetser, who resigned in consequence of ill health. The condition of the school under

both teachers has been salutary ; and the examination somewhat exceeded our anticipations.

The attendance for the four terms has been 51, 46, 55 and 47, and average for the year  $67\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. This is a slight increase in numbers, but a reduction in the per centage of attendance, the Report of 1860 indicating a per centum attendance of  $79\frac{6}{10}$ .

#### GREEN STREET PRIMARY.

MARY J. WEBSTER, *Teacher*.

This school needs the invigorating influence of an energetic teacher. The scholars must be made to *study*, if they wish to take a prominent position among our schools ; and parents must not complain if the requirements of the teacher have to be enforced at the discretionary use of the birch. Some of the recitations of the school were creditable ; others, particularly the first class in Arithmetic, were below the average of corresponding classes in other schools.

The whole attendance for the several terms has been 55, 54, 53 and 48, which is an increase over the previous year. The average for the year 39 or 74 per cent.

#### HIGHLAND SCHOOL.

KATE E. COBURN, *Teacher*.

This school has, at length, received an impulse for good, and commenced the business of learning in earnest. A decided progress has been made, both in study and discipline. Some of the pupils of this school are among the most promising in town. The whole attendance for each of the first three terms was 37, for the fourth, 33, and the average per centum for the year, 81.

#### UPHAM STREET SCHOOL.

CHRISTIANA UPHAM, *Teacher*.

The condition of this school is much the same as in former years. The present teacher has been at the head of this school ever since its institution, with the exception of a few months ; which fact is a sufficient proof of her usefulness and popularity. The whole number of scholars has been 42, 37, 52 and 40, and the average for the year  $67\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. This low average is attributable, in part, to the limited attendance during the winter term, which was only 55 per cent. For the first three terms the average was more than 71 per cent.



## ONE SESSION.

The experiment of one session has been tried in all the schools the past winter; and the Committee are satisfied that the advantages are insufficient to balance the inconvenience and evils attending it. A five hours' session is too long to suit young children; and its benefits, even in the High School, are problematical.

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

The contingent expenses have been unusually large the past year. Two sets of outline maps, a globe, and one new stove have contributed to swell the figures of this department. It is believed that the expenses under this head, for the coming year, will be comparatively light.

In addition to \$328 30 unexpended school money last year, the Town raised \$500 additional contingent money, to enable the Committee to paint the school-houses, and make such improvements in the school grounds as were contemplated in the Report of the School Committee. All the houses have received three coats of paint—the blinds two—and the exposed portions of the fences one or more coats.

After commencing the improvements on the Lynde Street school grounds, it was found necessary, on account of other improvements to be made in the street, to take down the entire bank wall and set it lower; which was done in the most thorough manner, and pointed with cement. The necessity of blowing a large number of hard blue rocks in the sidewalk and street, raised the expense of the whole work to \$170 or more. Probably the generation is not yet born that will witness the reconstruction of this piece of masonry.

## FINANCES.

Town appropriation,	\$ 4,000 00
Received from the State School Fund,	100 63
“ from the town of Stoncham,	25 28
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	\$ 4,125 91

The expenses have been—

Teachers' salaries, . . . . .	\$2,974 50
Fuel, . . . . .	263 23
Care of eleven rooms, . . . . .	275 50
Superintendence of schools, . . . . .	122 00
Contingent expenses, . . . . .	277 59—3,912 82
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Leaving an unexpended balance of . . . . .	\$213 09

### IMPROVEMENTS.

Town grant for . . . . .	\$828 30
Expense of painting, . . . . .	\$430 58
“ on grounds, . . . . .	249 02—679 60

In conclusion, your Committee would renew the oft repeated suggestion to parents and guardians of the youth, to visit often the halls where your children and guarded ones are undergoing that formative process which is to impress upon them modes of action and habits of thought for all coming life. By frequent visitation, teachers are encouraged to labor for interested patrons; and pupils are stimulated to put forth their best efforts for the gratification of their best friends.

It is estimated that the sum of four thousand dollars will suffice to meet the expenses of the coming year.

Respectfully submitted.

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